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Applicant: Kimiyoshi KITAZAWA et al. Conf.: 8538  
Appl. No.: 09/869,683 Group: UNKNOWN  
Filed: September 18, 2001 Examiner: UNKNOWN  
For: METHOD OF PERMANENTLY COMPRESSING LUMBER  
AND COMPRESSED LUMBER

REQUEST FOR CORRECTED NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

October 1, 2002

Sir:

Attached hereto is the Notification of Acceptance in connection with the above-identified application.

THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION(S) ARE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED:

DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. § 371 (c) (1), (c) (2) and (c) (4) REQUIREMENTS:

Change From: "September 24, 2001"

To: --September 18, 2001--

DATE OF RECEIPT OF ALL 35 U.S.C. § 371 REQUIREMENTS:

Change From: "September 24, 2001"

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As evidence of Applicant's previous submission of all filing Requirements in connection with the present application, enclosed are copies of the Letter Submitting Additional Documents for Entering National Phase for a PCT Application, the Declaration and Power of Attorney, and the date-stamped postcard indicating receipt of the Declaration and Power of Attorney by the United

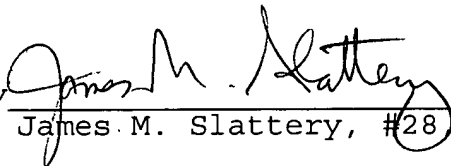
States Patent and Trademark Office and payment of the appropriate fees by the Applicant.

It is respectfully requested that the United States Patent and Trademark Office forward a new Notification of Acceptance to the undersigned attorney showing the corrections.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

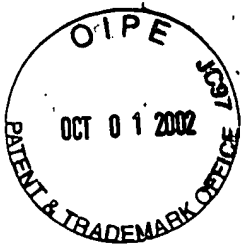
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APPL. NO.: 09/869,683  
Conf.:  
FILED: July 3, 2001  
FOR: METHOD OF PERMANENTLY  
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LETTER SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FOR  
ENTERING NATIONAL PHASE FOR A PCT APPLICATION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

September 18, 2001

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.494 or 37 C.F.R. § 1.495, attached hereto are the following additional items necessary for entering the national phase in connection with the above-identified PCT international application.

- ☒ Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ Original ☐ Photocopy
- ☐ The specification attached to the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney is a true copy of the specification which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 3, 2001, including any amendments thereto (if applicable) filed on even date therewith.

☒ The undersigned hereby declares that "Attorney Docket No. 0038-0363P" on page 1 of the attached inventors' Declaration corresponds to Appl. No. 09/869,683 filed July 3, 2001 entitled "METHOD OF PERMANENTLY COMPRESSING LUMBER AND COMPRESSED LUMBER."

☐ English language specification, claims, and Abstract with ( ) sheets of drawings.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

☒ Attached is a copy of Form PCT/DO/EO/905.

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☐ No extension fee is required because the undersigned has not yet received the Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905). However, if for some reason it is determined that an extension of time is necessary, applicant hereby respectfully petitions for an extension of time for the filing of the present paper in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

☐ Applicant(s) hereby respectfully petitions for ( ) month(s) extension of time for the filing of the present paper in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. The required fee of \$0.00 is attached hereto.

Appl. No. 09/869,683


The Government Filing Surcharge in the amount of \$130.00 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.494 and 1.492 was previously paid for concurrently with the filing of the application on July 3, 2001.

- ☒ Submitted concurrently herewith **under separate cover** for recording is an Assignment.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$0.00 to cover the above-mentioned fees is enclosed.
- ☐ A Fee of \$0.00 to cover the increase in fees of the filing Surcharge is enclosed.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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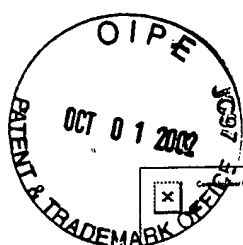
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## NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494) , has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

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DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2)  
and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS

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DATE OF RECEIPT OF ALL 35 U.S.C.  
REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE " FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- U.S. Basic National Fee
- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Information Disclosure Statements
- Oath or Declaration
- Preliminary Amendments
- Request for Immediate Examination

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Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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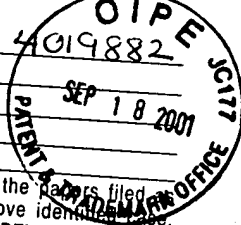
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☐ Utility ☐ Design ☐ CIP ☐ PCT ☐ Provisional  
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☐ Specification Consisting of: \_\_\_\_\_ pages  
☐ Combined Declaration & Power of Attorney  
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☐ Drawings \_\_\_\_\_ Sheets ☐ Formal ☐ Informal ☐ Red-Ink  
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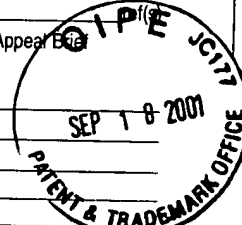
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